

MORE BOGUS & FAKED BOARD OF TRADE PERFINs

By M. Burrows.

A few months ago I was offered a batch of these perfin's by a British dealer, who had acquired them in a collection purchased from abroad.

At first glance I doubted the authenticity of some of the punctures, mainly because of the postmarks. So I decided to submit the whole lot to Capt. Jackson for his expert opinion. After many hours of research Capt. Jackson declared the entire lot to be fakes.

However, from the examination of this material several important facts have emerged. Probably the most significant being the discovery of two new types of fake, these to be known as numbers 10 & 11.

The following list gives details of all the stamps sent for examination, together with Capt. Jackson's remarks. The Fake Numbers are those allocated by Capt. Jackson to previous forgeries he had discovered, and the other numbers are those I gave to each stamp before submitting them.

FAKE No. 1a

- 1. 1d. Plate 130. Edinburgh 131 postmark.
- 26. 10d. EVIIR.

"Both these stamps are bogus and could not possibly have the genuine punch".

FAKE No. 1

- 10. 2½d QV Jubilee.

FAKE No. 2

- 17. 2d. EVIIR. FE postmark.

"As the above four stamps resemble the respective faked punctures, it is possible that the holes were punched individually, using a stencil, or another fake"

FAKE No. 3

- 2. 1d. Plate 159. London Duplex postmark.
- "This is of course bogus".

FAKE No. 9

- 11. 3d. QV Jubilee. Punch reversed.
- 12. 5d. QV Jubilee.

FAKE No. 10

- 4. 6d. QV. Plate 14. Postmark - Duplex 498 (Manchester).
- 8. ½d. QV Jubilee, vermillion.

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7. ½d. QV Jubilee, blue-green. Pmk Newcastle-on-Tyne OC 5 01.
 6. ½d. QV Jubilee, blue-green. Postmarked London.
 9. 1d. QV Lilac, 16 dots. Postmarked Llanelly DE 23 81.
 13. 9d. QV Jubilee.
 14. 1/- QV Jubilee, green and carmine. Pmk Coleman St. E.C.
 MY 14 02.
 15. ½d. EVIIR. Postmarked MY 28 03
 16. 1½d. EVIIR.
 5. 2d. EVIIR, postmarked E.C. (London).
 18. 2½d. EVIIR, postmarked Liverpool JU 18 06.
 21. 3d. EVIIR, postmarked AU 23 05.
 22. 4d. EVIIR, postmark - London Duplex 1902.
 23. 5d. EVIIR, postmarked London JY 9 06.
 24. 6d. EVIIR, postmarked 1906.
 25. 9d. EVIIR, postmarked Threadneedle St. 8 JY 03.
 19. ½d. EVIIR, yellow-green.
 20. 1d. EVIIR, postmarked 1912.

"This is a new and extremely dangerous fake, in which the punch in every stamp is slightly different. So perfect are some - Nos 5, 6 & 25 were at first thought to be genuine, but after hours of careful study using very powerful magnifiers, it was obvious that the punches were from the same source as the other fakes No. 10. Numbers 19 and 20 are bogus".

FAKE No. 11

3. 1/- Plate 14, postmarked (London) W.D.O. 31 JA 84.

Another new fake and at present it is the only copy known to Capt. Jackson and myself,

It will be seen from the foregoing list that the forgers have at times managed to use the correct stamps with the right postmarkes. But in some cases it has been the postmark which gives the game away. All the stamps were used but unfortunately, some of the postmarks are indiscernable.

As I realise that quite a few collectors are not students of postmarks I have illustrated the types of postmarks mentioned above.



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Foreign Branch

Should any member wish to have a photographic copy of Fakes No. 10 and 11, send a stamped addressed envelope to Michael J. Burrows, 20, Hillside, Stowmarket, Suffolk.

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